ed financial assistance amounting to Rs. 249.64 lakhs and an amount of Rs. 194 lakhs during 1990-91 for promotion of adventure tourism including wildlife tourism. An amount of Rs. 53.54 lakhs was sanctioned for promotion of such schemes in the State of Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Development of Marble rocks and Falls at Jabalpur for tourists

906. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to develop marble rocks and falls at Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) into a tourist spot.

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan and the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of any place into a tourist spot is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central financial assistance is provided to the State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds, their merits and *inter-se* priorities. No proposal to develop Marble rocks and falls at Jabalpur has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Duty Free Shops with NRIs Investment

907. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to set up a network of duty free shops with NRIs investment; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of International Airports Authority of India from the shopping complex. No final decision has yet been taken on the subject.

Creation of Special Tourist Zone

908. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Nagaland, he spelt out a scheme for creating special tourist zones where entrepreneurs would be given incentives in terms of tax-concessions with a view to developing tourism;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether he also indicated that 15 tourist circuits had been identified in the country to be vigorously developed and promoted; if so, what are the details of the tourist circuits identified?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is in the process of formulating a scheme for development of special tourist areas in the country. Details are being finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir. Details are being finalised in consultation with the State Governments.

Indian Airlines Services disrupted due to Agitating Engineers

909. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines services were considerably disrupted following failure of talks with agitating engineers in October this year;

(b) if so, the number of flights cancelled, inordinately delayed due to the engineers agitation; and

(c) the total estimated loss caused to the airlines thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Aircraft Maintenance Engineers had resorted to a "go slow" in the first week of October, 1991. Its impact was felt on scheduled operations during the period 10th to 16th October when only reduced number of A-300 aircraft could be made available for operations. Some fights were consequently re-scheduled and/or operated with other types of aircraft. During this period a total of 398 flights were delayed. It is difficult to estimate precisely the loss in financial terms on account of delayed flights.

New logo of Air India

910. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a definite decisions has been taken to do away with the new logo of Air India-the rising sun-which is more suited to Korea and Japan;

(b) if so, by when will this logo be removed from atop the Air India Head Quarters at Nariman Point at Bombay; and

(c) by when will the Centaur be reinstalled in its place atop the Air India Head Quarters?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The logo is quite heavy and the wind conditions at that height make the job complicated and time consuming. Necessary action has been initiated but it is difficult to assign a definite date for completion of the job.

Mismanagement to Air India

911. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "A non-stop flight to mismanagement Air India bend's rules to lose money" appearing in the Statesman, New Delhi dated the 20th April, 1991;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any probe had been ordered into enormous loss of revenue and responsibility therefor been fixed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether he will now have the matter examined by a high level committee and pin down responsibility for the huge loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Air India had conducted internal investigations in respect of all the points mentioned in the newspaper report and the allegations regarding enormous loss of revenue to Air India could not be substantiated.